

FOOTPRINTS AND FAITHFULNESS



BEAUTIFUL story has come down from the pioneer days of missionary adventures among the Indians of North America. A missionary left a few pages of the gospel in an Indian village where he did not stop long enough to preach or teach. In that settlement he was only a bird of passage, so to speak, but he did his best, and the pages came to an Indian in whose heart they struck fire.

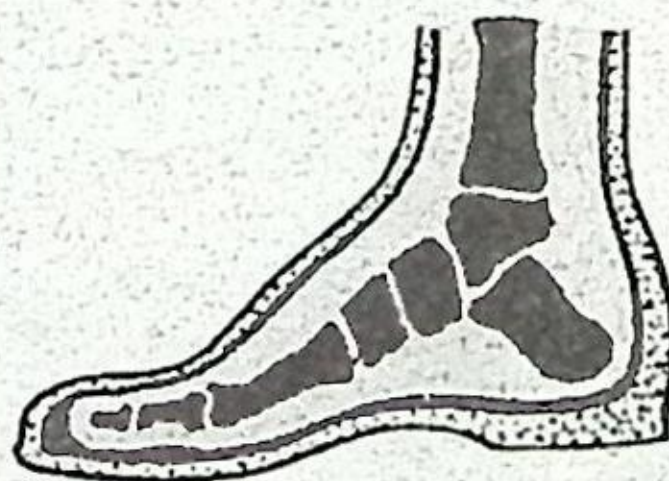
Meanwhile the missionary had traveled on some two hundred miles; but the Indian measured the missionary's footprint, and in gratitude made him a fine pair of moccasins. He then tracked the missionary over hill and valley until he found him, and gave him the tokens of his thanksgiving.

Men sometimes question the faithfulness of God. The seed sown seems to come to naught and the price of the best work seems to be only heartache. But is He less faithful than man? Are the promises dead or outworn? Are the old certitudes revoked? He has said, "Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things." Is God not still taking the measure of his servant's footprints, and will not the reward overtake him, if his faith fail not, as Francis Thompson in his beautiful poem, *The Hound of Heaven*, represents the love of God faithfully tracking its object across the years until it overtakes him?

It is our lack of faith that baffles Him. The only element of hazard lies within our own power to cure. "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand." God is measuring your footprint. His reward will overtake you sometime somewhere.



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